

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 125 – HB 73

February 14, 2017

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires the P.O.W.-M.I.A. flag to be displayed over the State Capitol on any day that the United States flag is displayed for the purpose of increasing public awareness of the P.O.W.-M.I.A. issue and to gain public support for the efforts of the United States government to resolve this matter.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/One-Time  
Exceeds \$1,000/Recurring

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003765):** Deletes all language of the original bill. Requires the P.O.W.-M.I.A. flag to be displayed over the State Capitol on days that neither house of the Tennessee General Assembly is in session.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$600**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

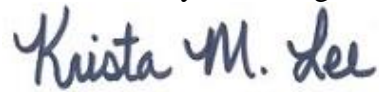
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-4-301(a), the P.O.W.-M.I.A. flag shall be displayed over the State Capitol at least during Tennessee P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Week.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 4-1-406(a) requires flags to be flown from top to bottom as follows: the official United States flag, the official state flag, and any other flags.
- Currently, the United States flag and the Tennessee state flag are always displayed on the capitol building. Additionally, the flag of the Tennessee General Assembly is flown when the General Assembly is in session.
- The provisions of the bill as amended provide that no more than three flags will be flown atop the State Capitol at one time.
- No further structural changes to the existing flag pole are required under the bill as amended.
- Due to environmental damage, flags flown year round are replaced a minimum of 12 times per year.

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- Given that the P.O.W.-M.I.A. flag is to be displayed over the State Capitol on days that neither house of the Tennessee General Assembly is in session, it is reasonably estimated that the P.O.W.-M.I.A. flag will be flown an average of eight months each year and replaced monthly.
- The cost of a P.O.W.-M.I.A. flag is estimated to be \$80.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures for flag purchases is estimated to be \$640 (\$80 per flag x 8 per year).

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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